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Applicant:

Besser et al.

Title:

METHOD OF IMPLANTING

COPPER BARRIER MATERIAL TO IMPROVE ELECTRICAL

PERFORMANCE

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 22, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims, specification, and drawings.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.

[] Small Entity statement is enclosed.

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[${f X}$] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

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\$0.00	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):				
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- [] Please charge Deposit Account No. 06-1447 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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